

# Month-long Merdeka celebration at Unimas

**SAMARAHAN:** Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) yesterday launched its month-long Independence Day celebration, promising activities for all students and employees.

Its vice chancellor Professor Dr Khairuddin Ab Hamid launched the celebration at the Students Affairs and Alumni Building here in the presence of about 200 academic and non-academic staff and students.

The annual celebration will be held in collaboration with student hostels, clubs and associations at the university with the hope to instill sense of patriotism and love for the country among students and employees.

Activities will include hostel decorating and debate competitions, Independence Day forum, seminar on



**TIME TO CELEBRATE:** Khairuddin distributes Malaysian flags to motorists at the university premises to launch Unimas' month-long Independence Day celebration.

defence, Merdeka run and parade on the eve of National Day.

In his speech, Khairuddin reminded students to make an effort to understand the meaning of achieving independence and its significance to their life and

country.

He said it was difficult for Malaysia to achieve independence from the colonial masters and therefore, students should be thankful to those who fought to free and develop the country.